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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ADVANCE TEAM

REF: MARTINIQUE'S 0417

DEPARTMENT PASS WHITE HOUSE FOR CHENEY/RUSTAND/HENKEL

1. WE NEED GUIDANCE ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS ASAP IN CONNECTION WITH TRAVEL OF ADVANCE TEAMS TO MARTINIQUE DURING THE COMING WEEK.

2. SOME CONFUSION EXISTS ON THE PART OF MARTINIQUE HILTON MANAGEMENT CONCERNING OUR RESERVATION NEEDS DURING THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. THE LOCAL HILTON MANAGER EARLIER RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM NEW YORK TO SET ASIDE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY (120) ROOMS FOR THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS FOR PERIOD DECEMBER 1-17 BUT NOW UNDERSTANDS THE ENTIRE BLOCK WILL BE RELEASED. IN THE MEANWHILE VARIOUS GROUPS SUCH AS GOF, FRENCH AND THIRD COUNTRY PRESS, AS WELL AS TOURIST GROUPS, ARE NOW SEEKING FIRM RESERVATIONS DURING THIS PERIOD. SO FAR WE HAVE ONLY REQUESTED RESERVATIONS AT THE HILTON FOR HELICOPTER

CREWS FOR PERIOD DEC. 12-17. THE MANAGER WANTS TO BE AS COOPERATIVE AS POSSIBLE, BUT UNDERSTANDABLY WANTS TO KNOW ASAP, FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, WHAT OUR TOTAL NEEDS WILL BE DURING BOTH THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT AND THE WEEK PRIOR TO IT. THIS IS THE HIGH TOURIST SEASON AND HE BELIEVES HE WILL BE FORCED TO GIVE CONFIRMED RESERVATIONS TO NON-US GROUPS IN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO, A STEP WHICH COULD MAKE

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THE HILTON ALL BUT UNAVAILABLE TO US. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WE NEED A FIRM INFORMATION ON THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS, AND DATES, WE EXPECT TO USE THE HILTON. WE ASSUME THE AIR FORCE ONE CREW WILL BE HOUSED THEREIN AS WELL AS SOME OF THE PRESS.

3. AIR FORCE ONE AND ARMY ONE REQUIREMENTS. AS WE UNDERSTAND CURRENT PLANS THERE WILL BE NO ADVANCE PARTIES FOR THESE GROUPS. WE PLAN THEREFORE TO CANCEL THE HILTON RESERVATIONS WE MADE FOR THEIR ADVANCE GROUPS DURING THE PERIOD DEC. 5-17 AS WELL AS THE AUTOMOBILES WE WERE REQUESTED TO RENT. (SEE PARAS. 2 AND 3 REFTEL.)

4. RE THE ARRIVAL OF WHITE HOUSE/STATE GROUPS TRAVELLING VIA MILITARY AIRCRAFT DEC. 5 WE NEED ASAP A LIST OF THE NAMES AND FUNCTIONS OF ALL PERSONS ARRIVING IN ORDER TO FACILITATE ENTRY WITHOUT CUSTOMS FORMALITIES. WITHOUT FIRM LIST WE WILL BE HAMPERED IN ARRANGING ENTRY WITH MINIMUM OF PROBLEMS.
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